

REMARKS

Regarding the objections to claims 11-20, Applicant points out that these claims, due to their specific dependencies, each contain a different combination of limitations. As such, they all give rise to differently limited embodiments of the claimed invention.

Regarding the objections to the claims under 35 USC § 112, the main independent claim has been amended to more clearly set out the invention, according to the description and drawings. There are no means-type claims present.

Contrary to the Examiner's position, the specification simply sets out the detailed structure for a locking binder, and describes how that structure interacts to lock the binder in different positions.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated, and now respectfully requests withdrawal of those objections and an allowance of this application.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

As the normal term for response expired on 10 November 2006, Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension in the term through and including 10 February 2007, which was a Saturday, and therefore through 12 February 2007, and encloses a check in the amount of \$ 510 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency of overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219 referencing our Docket Number 13760.

Respectfully submitted,

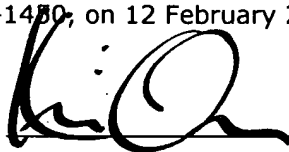


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